

ENERGY STAR in the Food Service Industry – Good for Your Budget and the Environment

Restaurants may obtain significant reductions in energy bills by changing purchasing policies to specify ENERGY STAR qualified products. The table below presents a basket of ENERGY STAR qualified products – electric steam cookers, gas fryers, and hot food holding cabinets – typically found in restaurants. These products can save you over \$33,000 in electricity costs (based on an electricity rate of \$0.071/kWh)¹ and prevent 257 tons of carbon dioxide emissions over their lifetime compared to conventional products.

Simple Steps to Significant Savings in Restaurants				
Action	Annual Energy & Maintenance Savings	Annual Savings CO2 (Tons)	Life-Cycle Energy & Maintenance Savings	Life-Cycle Savings CO2 (Tons)
Use two ENERGY STAR qualified electric steam cookers	\$2,500	10	\$19,900	115
Use two ENERGY STAR qualified gas fryers	\$700	10	\$4,500	104
Use two ENERGY STAR qualified hot food holding cabinets	\$1,000	5	\$8.900	38
Totals	\$4,200	25	\$33,300	257

Figures obtained from calculators on the Purchasing & Procurement Web page; savings have been rounded to the nearest hundred for simplicity. Calculators may be downloaded (right-click) or used from the Web (left-lick).

To Learn More

The Purchasing and Procurement Web site (www.energystar.gov/purchasing) helps you locate ENERGY STAR products by brand and model number, understand the differences between ENERGY STAR and non-ENERGY STAR products, and determine savings with ENERGY STAR. Additional savings would result from using ENERGY STAR refrigerators, freezers, exit signs, and compact fluorescent lamps.

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